

Madison County Weed Board
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Interviews were held from 11:00 – 12:00. Conveyed for lunch until 1:00. Last interview was at 1:10.

The Regular meeting of the Madison County Weed Board for April 14, 2008 was called to order at 1:20 p.m. by Chairperson Betty Sykes. Present at the meeting were Board members, John Armstrong, Charlie Gilman, New Program Assistant Dale Grose, Coordinator, Margie N. Edsall, Office Assistant Janie Alt, Madco/Jeffco Ext. Agent Andrea Sarchet & Commissioner Dave Schulz. Absent was Board members Ted Coffman, & Chuck Buus.

John Armstrong made motion to approve the March 20, 2008 meeting minutes as presented. John Armstrong seconded. All voted aye. Motion carried.

After a short discussion of the applicants interviewed, Betty Sykes made motion to hire Ranada Petersen, Kayla Broksle, & Ashley Rowberry for the 2008 Field Crew positions. Betty also made motion to start Clint Parsons on the 21st of April. Charlie Gilman seconded. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Old Business:

Office & Program Aerial spraying is still scheduled for May 19th depending on weather. It is planned that about 2000 acres will be sprayed.

Received the full funding of \$24,000 from Bozeman DOT. Still haven't heard anything from Butte division.

Mike Mooney, Dillon, BLM informed Margie that there might be another \$60,000 in funds available. The Weed Board will be placing a Bid request in the Madisonian for the 2008 Madison River Project. This request will run for 2 weeks. Bid specs were also send out to all Commercial Applicators

Margie will also be meeting with the Dillon Tribune the week of the 21st to talk about the Weed inserts that are put in the paper every year. These inserts are full of very useful information on weed control and what's happening in the Weed World.. Inserts are expected to be out first part of June.

Personnel: Dale Grose, new Program Assistant has started. He is getting himself familiarized with the shop and next week will have Clint Parson, Field Crew Personnel come in and help him start getting the equipment up and good running order. Some of the Crew's will be starting the first part of May and the rest first part of June.

Equipment: Margie informed the Board that the new Intelli-spay systems should be here this week and she also asked about purchasing a new digital camera for taking photo points. John Armstrong made motion for Margie to purchase a new Digital camera, Betty seconded. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Alder Facility: Margie presented to the Board with a conceptual plan that Communications Coordinator, Steve DiGiovanna had drawn up for a possibly new facility in Alder for the Weed Board and possible for some other County offices. (Commissioners were given a copy of this plan) It was suggested by Commissioner Marilyn Ross at the March Board meeting that Margie present this conceptual plan to the Facilitating Committee. Margie visited with Paul Marsh, member of the Facility Committee, at the Spring Coordinators Training and gave him a copy of the conceptual. Paul discussed it to the Committee and they thought this is something that should be discussed between the Weed Board and the Commissioners. Margie then brought it up to the Board again at the April meeting in which they thought it was a good proposal considering the current situation

with the existing offices in the Old Virginia City Schoolhouse. Commissioner Dave Schulz asked the Board to very carefully consider the option of moving the offices down to Alder. Dave had few concerns about the needs for the availability of resources needed at the Courthouse. Margie will meet with the Commissioners on Tuesday the 15th to discuss her proposal.

Other Old Business: None

New Business:

Right-of-Way Permit: 1 permit was approved and signed for Jolene Brush.

Field Personnel: Charlie Gilman made a motion to hire five returning employees; Clint Parsons, Ella Todd, Ed Burke, Ed Osborn, & Derek Anderson. Betty Sykes seconded. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Budget: 2140 - \$357,000.00 , 2840 – \$63,00.00

Herbicide Bids: The Board received 2 Bids for the 2008 season. They were from Harrison Elevator & Rocky Mountain Supply(Sheridan). After careful consideration John Armstrong made a motion to accept the Bid from Rocky Mountain Supply as the herbicide supplier for the 2008 season. Betty Sykes seconded. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Other New Business None

NEXT BOARD MEETING WILL BE May 15th @ 1:30

Meeting adjourned at 2:33

Minutes respectively submitted by:
Janie Alt, Office Assistant